



UFO 'FLAP' OVER NSW/QLD

It started just a week before the UFO Expo in Sydney and ended about a week after the UFO Expo in Brisbane. If I didn't know better I would have put it down to 'free advertising'.

Nexus Magazine has received dozens of reports from people seeing UFOs in the region spanning northern NSW up

to Noosa Heads on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland.

While it is very probable that some of the sightings of bright lights streaking across the sky were space junk/meteors, the bright lights that hovered, and darted around at 90° turns were unexplainable.

Our office received several reports from people who clearly saw a huge cigar-shaped object hovering near the Lismore/Casino region, which had smaller objects coming and going from it.

The spectacular light show on the night of the 16th October was reported from Lennox Head to Rockhampton to way out west. Lismore Police alone took up to 40 calls in 20 minutes, and local newspapers ran hot for the next couple of days.

On the night

before however, several people reported seeing a disc like object hovering near their house on the Queensland border. The object was observed for more than an hour by two people from 1.30am onwards. It was reported that a display of lights emitted from the disc, and smaller coloured lights were seen to be coming and going from it.

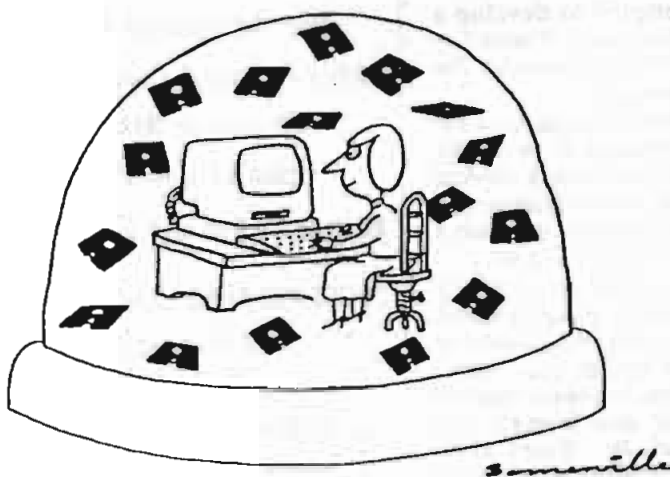
These recent sightings would appear to be a climax to the months of smaller localised sightings of UFOs by people from areas near Sydney up to Rockhampton in Qld.

(Sources: *Northern Star* 17/10/92; 24/10/92; 26/10/92; *Noosa News* 13/10/92; 23/10/92; *Gympie Times* 24/10/92; *Sunshine Coast Daily* 24/10/92 just to name a few).

YOWIE SIGHTINGS ON THE INCREASE?

A couple of researchers known to Nexus have compiled a mammoth listing of unexplained/fortean phenomena. One of the findings of this soon to be released research is that there are many times when a UFO is observed in one location, whilst a Yowie/Yeti/BigFoot is observed in another location close at hand, and close to the same date or time.

For example there are many cases where a UFO is seen on one side of a



mountain, while a Yowie or Yeti is seen on the other, or a UFO seen on the same day and same area as a sighting of the Virgin Mary.

Is it possible that these observations are connected - statistics would indicate that they are.

Anyway, at the same time of the big UFO flap, guess what - there were reported sightings of Yowies (see Nexus Vol.2, No.5, Vol.2, No.6). One such sighting was reported to the Noosa Police when a yowie was seen on a road at about 2am, in Tewantin, near Noosa Heads on the Sunshine Coast in Qld.

The creature was described as large and hairy, and about 8 feet tall. Although there have been previous sightings of such creatures in the area, this was the first for some time.

"It was standing in the middle of the road," said the Tewantin woman who reported the incident, "I slowed the car and came to a stop. The figure I thought at first was a man - it was about eight feet tall and on two legs - lumbered towards the car."

"It was right on top the vehicle and hit the bonnet with its left hand and then ran off into the bushes."

Police said the creature left a notable dent and three scratches in the car.

(Source: *Noosa News*, 13/10/92; *Sun-Herald* 18/10/92))

THE LOCH NESS MONSTER REARS ITS HEAD AGAIN

Scientists working on Project Urquhart, which is studying the loch's environmental profile and history, have picked up signals from a "sizable unidentified object" deep below the lake's surface.

Using sonar signals emitted from a craft being towed behind the team's support ship, the Simrad, the scientist's received a signal which was 'locked onto' by their equipment for a period of about two minutes.

The project is using some of the most modern sonar technology in the world, and also hopes to record the exact depth of Loch Ness.

(Source: *O Sun-Herald* 25/10/92; *The Australian* 23/10/92)

SOUND ASLEEP

Edna Leitch dozed on peacefully as a powerful explosion destroyed her bungalow in North Walsham, Norfolk, UK, at dawn on 29 April 1992.

Roof fell in, windows were blown out and the walls came tumbling down with a crash heard a mile off.

Edna, 63, was still asleep when firemen found her nearly buried under beams and rubble.

By evening she was in a satisfactory condition in hospital, having had treatment from burns to her arms and legs.

(Source: *Daily Mirror* (UK), 30/4/92)

DRUGS FOR SALE

A German housewife who bought a suitcase at an auction of unclaimed airline luggage tried to do her laundry with the contents of a washing powder carton she found in the case.

It was in fact, a carton containing four pounds of heroin, worth about \$250,000 said the Frankfurt police.

(Source: *The Guardian*, 18/10/91)

BIG McSURPRISE

Eric Schneider, 35, from Long Island, took a big bite from a McRib in a McDonald's restaurant.

Instead of pork covered in barbecue sauce, this particular snack was a

'McMouse'.

He checked the filling because of its vile taste and found two back legs. He had eaten the rest of the mouse. He threw up and had to wrestle the bun away from the restaurant staff.

He is suing for over \$1million, claiming the meal made him a nervous wreck.

(Source: *Fortean Times* #65)

THE BIG UFO SIGHTING OVER DARWIN

From Roma R., Lithgow.

In Darwin, during the early 1950's, a friend and I were fishing from the wharf in the early evening, doing it the smart way, lying down with lines out, and thinking of nothing.

One of the Burns Philips' ships, *The Wangara* was in dock just a little further down the jetty.

Suddenly we heard a man's voice shout "Hey fellas, what's that?"

Naturally we looked, their silhouettes were pointing upwards, and then we saw it.

At first it was a light bigger than the moon, and a fair distance off, but coming in fast, glowing and noiseless. It was coming in from over the water, and when it was approximately over Middle Arm, it simply stopped dead still, stayed that way for a while and then



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ever so slowly came over towards *The Wangara* and ourselves.

It was still high up, and when it was roughly overhead of us, it stopped its horizontal flight pattern, and as we all stared directly up at it, it began to get bigger and bigger.

Some of the guys on the ship shouted to get a camera. Margaret and I simply sat transfixed, until it suddenly occurred to us that it was becoming larger because it was coming down. Floating down, there was no speed to its descent at all.

We panicked, jumped to our feet, hauled in the lines in a most unfisherman like manner, and raced over to the car, which was parked at the end of the huge buildings on the jetty.

Margaret jumped in and found that the Singer wouldn't start, she jumped out and went racing up the hill towards town.

I stood with the car looking up, the 'thing' tilted sideways, then front end down. It was circular, huge, bigger than a house, and we could all see the lights on the second and third deck.

We did not see people, but we did see shadows moving from one porthole to another, back and forth and I don't ever recall thinking the figures would be anything else but perfectly normal human beings.

The saucer hung there for ages, and once the car started I hooted up the hill to find Margaret - as I drove into town everyone was out and looking up.

At the time we were particularly friendly with two newsmen of the N.T. Times and raced in to tell them.

By now the saucer had slowly drifted (almost) over the land, and out of town. The men said that it was hovering over near the RAAF Base, so we all sped out to the base, which at that time was about 12 miles out of town, and in a sparsely inhabited area. Directly across the road from the base was the Qantas airfield, and while the men were able to gain entry into the base, we were not.

The papers for the next two days carried wonderful photos, write-ups and interviews with the local residents.

As it was in the area for over an hour, everyone saw it, everyone had opinions on it, and the paper covered them all.

On the third day after the sighting, the paper went quiet on the subject.

I personally thought nothing more about it. Indeed never gave it another thought until quite recently when I heard the tales of the Men In Black. Then it hit me.

Darwin was a close and reasonably small community in those days, and a few days after the sighting, some guys turned up in black suits, black ties,

black hats and dark black sunglasses. The thing was that no one up there wore clothes like this, so they stuck out like sore thumbs.

We saw them around town for a day or so, and then they simply weren't there. Anyone new in town was always the focal point of interest among the locals, and these people were simply designated as "ah some government bods".

I remember one thing in the papers in the day or so after the event that really shocked me, it was the story of how our entire front line air defence consisting of 5 sabre jet aircraft, took to the air after the 'thing' - FIVE!!!

They were scrambled when the sighting took place, and one guy still had shaving cream on his face when he took off, funny how you remember the little details (they photographed it).

I would love to hear from anyone who was in Darwin at the time, or anyone who has any newspaper clippings of the incident.

(Send any info on this one to Nexus Magazine, and we will pass it on to Roma. Ed)

AN 'ARMLESS, SECOND-HAND STORY

Police in Papua New Guinea, reunited a man with his missing arm in July 1991. The unarmed man told police he had been travelling in the back of a truck, when another vehicle passed so close to him that his arm was severed at the elbow.

At the time he was so drunk that he didn't notice his arm was missing.

It was only some time later that he felt any pain and went to hospital in Lae.

He appealed to police to look for his arm, but they did not at first connect the incident with an arm found on the same day in the tray of a truck over 150 miles away.

The man was expected to be discharged from hospital within a few days.

(Source: Radio Australia, Melbourne, 26 July 1991; Southern Cross 30 July 1991; and extracted from Fortean Times # 65)

